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APPLICANT: T. Tanaka, et al. ATTY DOCKET NO.: 9792909-5359

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INVENTION: THIN-FILM TRANSISTOR AND METHOD FOR MAKING

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which is a Divisional of the following copending U.S. Application:

APPLICANT: T. Tanaka, et al. ATTY DOCKET NO.: 9792909-4970

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INVENTION: THIN FILM TRANSISTOR AND METHOD FOR MAKING

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the accompanying application as follows:

In the Specification

On page 1, after the title and before the heading, "Background of the Invention," please insert the following:

---RELATED APPLICATION DATA

This application claims priority to Japanese Application No. P2000-105304, filed April 6, 2000, and is a divisional of United States Application Serial No. 09/827,676, filed April 6, 2001, both of which are incorporated herein by reference to the extent permitted by law.---

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 4-9, 11 and 13.

CONCLUSION

The above amendments are being made to set forth claims 1-3, 10 and 12, upon which this divisional application is based. Claims 4-9, 11 and 13 have been cancelled.

The specification has been amended to identify parent application Serial No. 09/827,676 and to include a claim of priority.

A copy of the original Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith pursuant to M.P.E.P. 201.06(c).

Applicants request prompt and favorable consideration by the Examiner of the now pending application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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